

Application No. 10/023,265
Docket No. 2000U057.US
Reply to Office Action Dated May 06, 2004

Remarks

Specification

Please insert the following paragraph before the "Field of the Invention"

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application claims priority to Provisional U.S. Application U.S.S.N. 60/258,482 filed on December 28, 2000, which is herein incorporated by reference.--

The first full paragraph on page 2 of the specification is amended to delete reference to "JP 1126111", as this was included by error and has no known relationship to the present invention. Entry of the amendment is requested.

Restriction

Claims 26 and 27 are cancelled without traverse, Group I set of claims 1-25 having been selected.

Objections

Claims 4, 8 and 16 were objected to. Claims 4 and 8 are herein cancelled.

Claim 16 was objected to as failing to further limit the claim from which it depends. The Applicant contends that it does further limit claim 14, as it specifies the "Group 16 atom" is oxygen, and that "R*, R₄, R₅, R₉, and R₁₀" are "hydrocarbyl radicals".

The Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Section 112, ¶ 2 Rejections

Claims 11, 16 and 20-24 were rejected under 25 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 11 is cancelled.

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In Claim 16, the phrase "such as an alcohol, an aldehyde, a ketone, an epoxide" is deleted, as an "oxygen based functional group" is well known in the art, and further defined in the specification as filed and needs no further elaboration.

In Claims 20-22, the phrase "oxygen containing ligand of the catalyst" is replaced with the phrase ~~Group 16 atom~~.

In Claims 23-24, the phrase "oxygen based functional group" is replaced with ~~—radical that contains a Group 16 atom—~~ as it appears in the claim from which it depends.

The Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Section 102 Rejections

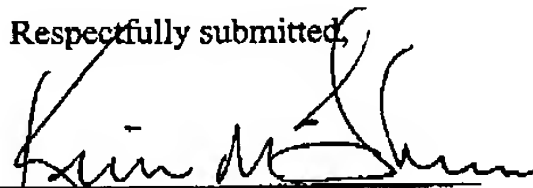
Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Wang et. al.* (US 6,562,751). The Applicant cancels claims 1-13.

The Applicant thus requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is submitted that the remaining claims as amended are allowable, and that the case is in condition for allowance. The applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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